

**State of Illinois**

**LOCAL ELECTION  
OFFICIALS HANDBOOK**

**for the**

**2007**

**CONSOLIDATED  
ELECTIONS**



**Issued by  
the  
State Board of Elections**

## **PREFACE**

This *Local Election Officials Handbook for the Consolidated Elections* is a guide for the administration of the 2007 Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Elections. Passage of Public Act 90-0358 (1997) merged the November Nonpartisan Election in odd-numbered years with the April Consolidated Election. Information for offices formerly elected at the Nonpartisan Election is included in this handbook.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq*, or as otherwise indicated. New legislation and court decisions made after July 30, 2006 may not be included in this guide.

This handbook is designed to assist local election officials with the administration and conduct of the election process. It is not intended to be used as a substitute for relevant statutes, the Illinois constitution, or applicable case law. Whenever there is a question regarding the interpretation of information contained in this handbook, or of a particular section of the Election Code or any other statute, the user should contact competent legal counsel or the State Board of Elections.

## Table of Contents

Consolidated Primary .....	iii
Consolidated Election.....	iv
Filing Periods .....	v
Glossary of Terms .....	1
Registration and Voter Identification .....	3
Deputy Registrars .....	3
National Voter Registration Act.....	3
Close of Registration .....	4
Grace Period Registration .....	4
Voter Identification for Ballot Entitlement .....	4
Digitization of Voter Registration .....	5
Redistricting .....	5
Nomination Process	
Petition Requirements .....	6
Nomination by Caucus - Municipalities.....	7
Place of Filing .....	7
Prohibitions .....	9
Simultaneous Petition filing - Lottery .....	9
Campaign Disclosure Documents .....	10
Petition Objections and Hearings .....	10
Filling Vacancies on Electoral Boards .....	12
Withdrawal from Candidacy .....	13
Write-in Candidates.....	13
Certification of Candidates	
Consolidated Primary (if required).....	14
Consolidated Election.....	14
Ballot Placement.....	15
Additional Certification Requirements.....	17
Absentee Voting .....	18
Early Voting .....	19
Election Administration	
Notice of Election.....	20
Public Questions.....	21
Precincts and Polling Places .....	21
Judges of Election .....	21

Ballots.....	21
Polling Place Procedures .....	22
Pollwatchers .....	22
Canvass and Proclamation.....	23
Recounts and Contests	
Discovery Recounts.....	23
Election Contests.....	24
Election Contests - Referenda .....	24
Vacancies	
Vacancies in Nomination - Consolidated Primary .....	25
Vacancies in Nomination - Consolidated Election.....	26
Vacancies in Office and Special Elections	
Vacancies in Office .....	27
Municipal Offices.....	28
Township Offices .....	29
Park District Offices.....	30
Library District Offices .....	30
School District Offices .....	30
Fire District Offices.....	31
Other Special Districts.....	31
Public Questions	
Questions Having Legal Effect .....	33
Advisory Questions .....	33
Time of Petition Filing .....	34
“Back-Door” Referenda .....	34
Certification of Public Questions .....	35
Objections to Public Question Petitions .....	36
Contesting Referenda Elections .....	36
Simultaneous Filings - Lottery Procedures	
Section 201.40.....	37
Section 202.40 (New Parties).....	39
School and Community College Supplement.....	40
Forms.....	49

# **CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY**

**Last Tuesday in February  
February 27, 2007**

## **- ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY - OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED**

**MUNICIPAL** - over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter

Mayor or President  
Treasurer  
Clerk  
Alderman or Trustees

Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (by November 15, 2006) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-1) AND;

Villages that have nominated and elected candidates at partisan primaries prior to Jan 1, 1992 or have elected by referendum to hold partisan primaries to nominate and elect their officers.  
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20]

## **- NONPARTISAN - OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED**

**MUNICIPAL** - Council-Manager form (councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission

Mayor or President  
Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)  
Council Members or Trustees or Commissioners

A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary if approved by referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

## **- NONPARTISAN - OFFICES TO BE ELECTED (65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-25)**

**MUNICIPAL** – City of Chicago

Mayor  
Clerk  
Treasurer  
Aldermen

# **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

**First Tuesday following Passover  
April 17, 2007\***

**\* Whenever the date designated for the Consolidated Election conflicts with the celebration of Passover, that election shall be postponed to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover (10 ILCS 5/2A – 1.1a)**

## **ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, INDEPENDENT AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

**MUNICIPAL** – Including Special Charter

Mayor or President  
Treasurer  
Clerk  
Aldermen or Trustees

## **NONPARTISAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED**

**MUNICIPAL** - Council-Manager form (Council at-large and from districts), Commission form

Mayor or President  
Clerk  
Treasurer (Council-Manager only)  
Council Members or Commissioners or Trustees

**MUNICIPAL** – City of Chicago (run-off elections only)  
(65 ILCS 20-21-5a, 21-12)

**PARK DISTRICT** - Commissioners

**PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT** - Trustees

**TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY** - Trustees

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGIONS** - Trustees

**SCHOOL DISTRICT** - Board Members (including districts under article 33), School Directors

**SCHOOL DISTRICT** - Special Charter - Inspectors, Board Members

**TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS** - Cook County Only

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** - Trustees

**TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS** - Counties having a population under 220,000

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** - Trustees

**FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

1 Director to be elected from Lake County

2 Directors to be elected from McHenry County

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT** - Commissioners

**SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY**

Commissioners

**OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS** (see applicable statutes)

## **FILING PERIODS**

### **(and caucus date information)**

#### **December 11 - 18, 2006**

Filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the **Consolidated Primary Election, FEBRUARY 27, 2007** See page “iii.”

Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to September 19, 2006

#### **January 29 – February 5, 2007**

Filing period for candidates seeking election at the **Consolidated Election, APRIL 17, 2007** See page “iv.”

Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to November 7, 2006

In **MUNICIPALITIES** under 5,000 population, established political parties hold their caucuses on January 22, 2007, and file their certificates of nomination with the municipal clerk during the filing period, January 29 – February 5, 2007

Note: Municipalities of 5,000 or less may determine by ordinance (by November 15, 2006) that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election. (10 ILCS 5/7-1 et seq.)

**New political parties** file nominating petitions which must include a full slate of candidates as well as a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies.

**Independent** and **nonpartisan** candidates **must** file nominating petitions.

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**BUSINESS DAY** - any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours.

[10 ILCS 5/1-3 (22)]

**COMPUTATION OF TIME** - if the first or last day fixed by law to do any act required or allowed by the election code falls on a State holiday or a Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday. [10 ILCS 5/1-6(a)]

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION** - the biennial election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years at which municipal, park district, library district, fire protection district, other special district and school district officers are elected. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(4), 2A-1.1(b)] Whenever the date of the Consolidated Election would otherwise conflict with Passover, the Consolidated election is postponed to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1a] This is a regularly scheduled election.

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION** - the biennial election held on the last Tuesday in February in odd-numbered years at which candidates may be nominated for those offices to be filled at the Consolidated Election. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(4), 2A-1.1(b)] This is a regularly scheduled election with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is required to be held.

**DISTRICT** - any area which votes as a unit for the election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of local government or school district, including but not limited to, legislative, representative, congressional and judicial districts, judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and sanitary district wards, school board districts, and precincts. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(14)]

**ELECTION AUTHORITY** - the County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners or the County Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(8)]

**ELECTION JURISDICTION** - (1) an entire county, in the case of a county in which no city board of election commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of a county board of election commissioners; (2) the territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (3) the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners. In each instance, election jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election authority maintains the permanent registration records of qualified electors. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(9)]



**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY** - a political party which at the last election received more than 5% of the entire vote cast in that election. (10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2)

**LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL** - the clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or school district, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees; and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the various school officer elections and school referenda for which the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by the School Code. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(10)]

**NEW POLITICAL PARTY** - a new political party is initially formed by a petition filed with the local election official for that unit of government. The petition shall state the name of the party in five words or less and shall nominate candidates for all offices scheduled for election in that municipality or township. In addition, a new political party petition shall have attached thereto a certificate with the names and addresses of party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

**POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION** - any unit of local government or school district; and for election purposes, any area electing regional boards of school trustees or township boards of school trustees. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(6)]

**QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY OR PUBLIC QUESTION (REFERENDUM)** - any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at an election dealing with subject matter other than the nomination or election of candidates, including, but not limited to, any bond or tax referendum and questions relating to the Constitution. [10 ILCS 5/1-3 (15)]

**REGULAR ELECTION** - the General, General Primary, Consolidated and Consolidated Primary Elections regularly scheduled in Article 2A. The even-numbered year municipal primary is a regular election only with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is required to be held on such date. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(2), 2A-1]

**SPECIAL ELECTION** - an election not regularly recurring at fixed intervals, regardless of whether it is held at the same time and place and by the same election of officers as a regular election. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(3)]

**VOTER** - for the purpose of determining eligibility to sign a nominating petition or a petition proposing a public question, the terms “voter,” “registered voter,” “qualified voter,” “legal voter,” “elector,” “qualified elector,” “primary elector” and “qualified primary elector” as used in the Election Code or in another statute shall mean a person who is registered to vote at the address shown opposite his signature on the petition or was registered to vote at such address when he signed the petition. (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2)

# **REGISTRATION AND VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

## **DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

The election authority appoints all municipal, township and road district clerks or their duly authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the registration of all qualified residents of the State (except in cities having a city board of election commissioners). Precinct committeemen are also appointed as deputy registrars and may accept registrations from any qualified residents of the State.

The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars employees of the Secretary of State located at driver's license examination stations who are designated by the Secretary of State who may accept the registration of any qualified residents of the State at the driver's license examination stations.

Upon written request the election authority may appoint the following as deputy registrars (1) the chief librarian or designee, (2) the principal of any high school or vocational school or their designee, (3) the president or designee of a learning institution, (4) the Public Aid director or designees, (5) the Employment Security director or designees, (6) the president of corporations or designees, (7) members of labor organizations, and (8) state certified civic organizations (civic organizations must be certified by the State Board of Elections). The *Deputy Registrar Guidelines* booklet, published by the State Board of Elections, provides more information.

## **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT of 1993 (NVRA)**

Under the provisions of NVRA, persons wishing to register to vote may do so at the following locations, provided they are conducting business at such offices: Drivers License Facilities, Department of Public Aid offices, Department of Public Health offices, Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities offices, Department of Rehabilitation Services offices and military recruitment offices. These offices will accept voter registrations throughout the year, however, applications received by election authorities within 27 days (see page 4) of an election may not be processed until after that election. Individuals may also register to vote by obtaining a mail-in registration application. Persons registering by mail must vote in person on Election Day, or vote absentee in-person at the first election following their registration.

## **CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

Deputy registrars or their duly authorized deputies serving as deputy registrars may accept registrations at their respective offices at any time other than the 27 days preceding an election. The last day to register to vote before the Consolidated Primary is January 30, 2007 and the last day to register to vote before the Consolidated Election is March 20, 2007. Voter registration is open throughout the 27-day period preceding the Consolidated Primary in those precincts in which no primary election is scheduled. Registration resumes two days after the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election.

## **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION**

(10 ILCS 4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

Each election authority shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and for change of address during the period from the close of registration for a primary or election and until the 14th day before the primary or election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person in the office of the election authority or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority. The election authority shall register that individual, or change a registered voter's address, in the same manner for registration and change of address.

If a voter who registers or changes address during this grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace period voting, either in person in the office of the election authority or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

## **VOTER IDENTIFICATION FOR BALLOT ENTITLEMENT**

(10 ILCS 5/4-21, 5-28.1, 6-31.1)

The Election Code provides that precincts established by county boards and city boards of election commissioners and used by the election authorities for the federal, state and county elections of even-numbered years will be the precincts for the Consolidated Primary, and Consolidated Elections. However, the election authority may cluster up to four contiguous precincts which shall constitute a clustered voting zone. Since boundary lines of most political subdivisions (municipalities, school districts, park districts, etc.) overlap and intersect county precincts, the election authority must identify and “code” voters in each precinct by residency in each political subdivision for the purpose of ballot entitlement.

Once the election authority has determined for each precinct under his/her jurisdiction which voters are entitled to vote in which political subdivision elections, this information is furnished to the judges of election in each precinct by means of “coded” precinct registration records (e.g., binder cards) or separate “coded” registration lists/signature rosters.

## **DIGITIZATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

(10 ILCS 5/4-33, 5-43, 6-79)

The election authority may develop and implement a system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer based voter registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the signature of each voter. The computer based voter registration file may be used, provided that a system for storage of at least one copy of the original registration cards remains in effect. Most jurisdictions now use digitized registration records in the polling places. In these instances, the old binder books have been replaced by a signature roster.

## **BOUNDARY CHANGES AND REDISTRICTING**

(10 ILCS 5/4-21, 5-28.1, 6-31.1)

The election authority is required to maintain permanent records of the boundaries of all political subdivisions partially or wholly within his jurisdiction. No later than five (5) days after redistricting, annexation, disconnection or adoption of any such governmental boundary change, whether by referendum or by ordinance, the local election official shall give notice of such change to each election authority having jurisdiction over any of the affected territory in the political subdivision. This notice shall contain a description of the boundary change and indicate the effective date of the change.

It is recommended that a political subdivision map showing the territory affected by the boundary change accompany the notice.

# NOMINATION BY PETITION

## PETITION REQUIREMENTS

The *2007 Candidate's Guide* gives an in-depth discussion of requirements for filing nominating papers.

Established party candidates for municipal offices are nominated by either a primary election or a caucus. Article 7 of the Election Code governs petition filing for a primary. Article 10 of the Code governs the filing of certificates of nomination for the caucus method of nomination. Article 10 also covers independent and new party candidate petition filings, in addition to nonpartisan filings for specific municipalities. Additional information on nonpartisan municipal elections is covered in the Municipal Code.

Schools and special purpose districts (e.g., parks and libraries) nominate candidates only on a nonpartisan basis. Information may be found in Article 10 and the respective statutes for each unit of local government.

Nomination papers filed by a candidate must include the following:

1. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
2. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS
3. RECIEPT FOR FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS. The statement itself is filed with the County Clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located [5 ILCS 420/4A and 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]
4. LOYALTY OATH (optional)

NOTE: Nomination papers for new political parties must include a full slate of candidates and a certificate stating the names and addresses of party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. In addition, petitions to form a new political party in a municipality divided into wards or districts in which officers are elected both from the wards or districts and at-large must consist of separate components for each ward or district. Consult your legal counsel or the State Board of Elections for requirements regarding component petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5, 10-11)

No petition sheet may be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided for the filing of such petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-4) Petition circulation for established party candidates and non-partisan municipal office candidates begins on September 19, 2006, and the filing period for those petitions is December 11- 18, 2006.

Petition circulation for independent, new party and non-municipal nonpartisan office candidates begins on November 7, 2006, and the filing period for those petitions is January 29 – February 5, 2007.

## **NOMINATION BY CAUCUS - MUNICIPALITIES**

Established political party candidates for municipal offices are nominated by party caucus in cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a population of 5,000 or less. Municipal established party caucuses are to be held on **January 22, 2007**. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]

NOTE: Municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less may, **no later than November 15, 2006**, determine by ordinance that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal office by primary election. [10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)] **The municipality is responsible for all costs incurred relative to conducting a primary election.** (10 ILCS 5/17-30)

Notice for the time and place for holding the caucus is provided by the municipal clerk. In municipalities with a population of more than 500, the notice of the caucus must be printed in a newspaper published in the municipality. If the municipality does not have a newspaper, then the notice is printed in a newspaper published in the county with general circulation in the municipality. The notice must be published or posted at least ten days before the caucus. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(b)]

In municipalities with a population of 500 or less, the municipal clerk shall post the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(b)]

Attendance at the caucus is limited to registered voters who reside within the municipality. However, no voter shall participate in more than one party caucus. See SBE suggested Forms H-1A and H-2. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(e)]

## **PLACE OF FILING**

Candidate nominating petitions and caucus certificates of nomination shall be filed with the local election official (e.g., municipal clerk, city board of election commissioners, school board secretary, park, library and fire protection district secretary, etc.) of the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking election. However, candidates for the office of: (1) regional school trustee file with the county clerk if single county, or with the State Board of Elections if multi-county and (2) township school trustee (Cook County only) file with the township school

treasurer (105 ILCS 5/5-4, 6-10). It is suggested that the local election official give a pre-filing notice indicating the time and location for the filing of nominating petitions. The pre-filing notice may be in the form of a press release issued to a local newspaper. For school district offices the School Code (105 ILCS 5/9-10) states that if a pre-filing notice is given, it should be given at least ten days before the first day of the filing period. All filing offices shall remain open until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12, 10-6.2)

Local election officials shall perform the following when nomination papers are filed:

1. ACCEPT AND ISSUE A RECEIPT FOR NOMINATION PAPERS. (School board and community college secretaries shall also within seven days of filing or on the last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge receipt of the petition. This receipt should bear the date and time of filing as well as the signature of the secretary of the board.) (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2, 105 ILCS 5/9-10, 110 ILCS 805/3-7.10);
2. TIME AND DATE STAMP PAPERS (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)
3. PRESERVE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SIX MONTHS (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

NOTE: All nomination papers when presented or filed shall be available for public inspection (10 ILCS 5/10-7), and should be available for copying at reasonable cost.

If a political subdivision does not have an official office, petitions are received by the local election official (or his/her designee) at a location and during the times designated by the official. Notice should be given in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in a conspicuous public location. **The location designated for petition filing must remain open until 5 p.m. on the last day of petition filing.** (10 ILCS 5/1-4)

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate to the same office, the local election official with whom the petitions are filed shall, within two business days, notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has three business days after receipt of the notice to notify the local election official that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the local election official. If the candidate fails to notify the local election official, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be considered void. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

If a **school board secretary** is an incumbent school board member seeking re-election, a disinterested person must be a witness to the filing of his petition. **School board secretaries** shall receive and file only those petitions which include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator and a receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the required statement of economic interests on or before the last day to file as required by the Governmental Ethics Act. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)

## **PROHIBITIONS – DEFEATED CANDIDATES – PRIMARY DEFEATED CANDIDATES – CAUCUS**

Any established party candidate who filed nominating papers and who is defeated in the Consolidated Primary Election is not eligible to have his name placed on the Consolidated Election ballot as an independent candidate or as a candidate for another political party and is not eligible to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17- 16.1)

Any candidate who seeks election to an office for which candidates are nominated on a nonpartisan basis and is defeated in the Consolidated Primary Election cannot file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 18-9.1)

Any established party candidate who is a participant in a party caucus and who is defeated for his/her nomination at the caucus is not eligible to have his/her name placed on the Consolidated Election ballot as an independent candidate or as a new party candidate and is not eligible to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3)

## **SIMULTANEOUS PETITION FILING-LOTTERY** (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2; 105 ILCS 5/9-11.1, 9-11.2)

All petitions filed by persons waiting in line at the office of the local election official as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office on the first day of filing shall be deemed simultaneously filed as of 8:00 a.m., or the opening hour, as the case may be.

Petitions filed by mail and received in the office of the local election official in the first mail delivery or pickup on the first day of filing shall be deemed simultaneously filed as of 8:00 a.m., or the opening hour of such office, as the case may be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt.

When two or more petitions are simultaneously filed for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period, the local election official shall break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery or other fair and impartial method of random selection approved by the State Board of Elections. The lottery shall be conducted within 9 days after the last day of the petition filing period and shall be open to the public. The local election official shall give 7 days written notice of the time and place of the lottery to the candidates involved, and any political parties and civic groups which had been entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election, as well as posting the notice in a conspicuous open and public place. (See official SBE 2007 Election Calendar.)

The lottery system to be used by the local election officials is found in State Board of Elections' Rule and Regulations 201.40 and 202.40 on simultaneous filing lotteries (see pages 37 - 39). **Any other lottery or system of impartial random selection used to determine candidate ballot order for simultaneous petition filing must be approved by the State Board of Elections.** For special lottery provisions for school board candidates, grouped together by congressional townships or according to incorporated or unincorporated areas refer to page 40 of this handbook for school officials and/or 105 ILCS 5/9-11.1, 9-11.2.



## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS

[10 ILCS 5/9-16(7), 10-6.1]

At the time of filing, the local election official must provide each candidate with a Notice of Obligation (Form D-5). If the candidate files his petition in person, the local election official must give the notice to the candidate "over the counter" and obtain a receipt. If an agent files the candidate's petition or if the candidate files by mail, the local election official, within two business days of receipt of the candidate's petition, must send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice briefly outlines who is required to file under the campaign disclosure law and the penalties for failure to file. A *Guide for Campaign Disclosure* and the necessary forms are available, upon request, from the State Board of Elections or the county clerk. They can also be downloaded from the State Board of Elections' website at **www.elections.il.gov**.

When petitions for a public question are filed with the local election official, we advise the local official to provide a Notice of Obligation (Form D-5) to the proponent whose name is indicated on the certificate attached to the petition or to the attorney for the proponents if no name is listed.

At the time a political committee files its D-1 Statement of Organization, the county clerk or State Board of Elections, as the case may be, must also provide a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices to each candidate and each proponent of a question. This is a voluntary statement which may be filed at the office of the election authority if the candidate or proponent chooses to subscribe. Each Code of Fair Campaign Practices filed is valid for one election cycle only and must be refiled if verified subscription to the Code is desired.

## PETITION OBJECTIONS AND HEARINGS

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-10.1)

Any objections to nominating petitions must be filed with the local election official (who received the original petitions) within 5 business days following the last day of the petition filing period. The local election official shall note the day and hour upon the objector's petition, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the objector's petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the original nomination petitions and the objections to the chairman of the proper electoral board. A copy of the objections must also be sent by registered mail or receipted personal delivery to the candidate against whose petition was filed.

**Within 24 hours** after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of the electoral board, objector and candidate and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. The call shall state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board shall meet. In the case of a County Officers Electoral Board, Municipal Officers Electoral Board, or the Education Officers Electoral Board, the hearing shall be held in the county courthouse. **The day of the meeting** of the electoral board **shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of objector's petitions** by the chairman of the electoral board.

**Within 10 days after the decision of the electoral board**, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of the board may file petition for judicial review with the clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter. If no petition for judicial review is filed **within 10 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions** to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

The following **electoral boards** are designated to hear and pass upon objections to nomination petitions of candidates for political subdivision office:

### **1. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD**

- a. Jurisdiction: Cities, villages and incorporated towns.
- b. Composition: Mayor or president (chairman), the municipal clerk and the councilman, alderman or trustee who has served the greatest number of years as a member of the council or board.

### **2. COUNTY OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD**

- a. Jurisdiction: All special district offices. **Special district means all political subdivisions other than counties, municipalities, townships, school and community college districts.** (Park Districts and Library Districts, etc., are special districts.) The county officers' electoral board of the county in which the principal office of the special district is located has jurisdiction in multi-county districts.
- b. Composition: County Clerk (Chairman), Clerk of the Circuit Court, and State's Attorney, or their designees. In DuPage County, the county board of election commissioners shall constitute the County Officers' Electoral Board.

### **3. EDUCATION OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD**

- a. Jurisdiction: School districts and community college districts.
- b. Composition: Presiding officer of the school or community college board (Chairman), the secretary of the school or community college board and the elected school or community college board member having the longest term of continuous service.

### **4. MUNICIPAL BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Where a city, a school district, a community college district, or a special purpose district (e.g., fire protection district, etc.) is located entirely within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election commissioners, that board shall constitute the electoral board for that political subdivision.

## **FILLING VACANCIES ON ELECTORAL BOARD WHEN MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE**

In the event that a member of the electoral board is a candidate for the office in question, he/she shall not be eligible to serve on that board and the position shall be filled as follows:

Municipal Officers Electoral Board - by the councilman or trustee who has served the second greatest number of years as councilman or trustee.

County Officers Electoral Board - by the county treasurer, and if he/she is ineligible to serve, by the sheriff of the county.

Education Officers Electoral Board - by the eligible elected school or community college district board member who has the second longest term of continuous service as a board member.

If the chairman of the electoral board is ineligible to act because he or she is a candidate for the office relevant to the objector's petition, then the replacement shall be chairman.

When two or more eligible individuals, by reason of their terms of service on a city council or board of trustees, school or community college district board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one to serve shall be chosen by lot.

Any other vacancies shall be filled by public members appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the county where the electoral board hearing is being held upon notification to the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated to serve on the electoral boards are eligible, the chairman of the electoral board shall be designated by the Chief Judge.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM CANDIDACY**

(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Any candidate who has filed petitions may withdraw his/her candidacy. The withdrawal must be in writing, signed by the candidate, dated and notarized. The written withdrawal must be submitted to the appropriate election official who received the original petitions. See suggested SBE Form P-25.

If petitions are filed for one candidate for two or more incompatible offices, the candidate must withdraw from all but one within five business days following the last day of the filing period, or his/her name shall not be certified for any office.

## **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

(10 ILCS 5/7-59, 17-16.1)

For the Consolidated Primary and the Consolidated Election, write-in candidates must file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, prior to the election with the proper election authority or election authorities (County Clerk and/or Board of Election Commissioners). Forms for the write-in declaration are supplied by the election authority. For uncontested elections, see page 14.

To qualify as a candidate for an established party in the Consolidated Election, write-in candidates at the Consolidated Primary Election for that party must receive a number of votes that equals or exceeds the number of signatures required on a petition for that office, but only if the number of candidates whose names appear on the primary ballot is less than the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate or elect to that office at the primary.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-59(c)(1)]

Above paragraph does not apply to following circumstances:

- (a) Number of votes received exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the ballot for nomination or election to the same office.
- (b) number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate or elect to that office.[10 ILCS 5/7-59(c)(2)]

# **CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES**

## **CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY (if required)**

The local election official (municipal clerk) certifies the names of all candidates and any public questions that have been filed to the election authority not less than 61 days (December 28, 2006) before the Consolidated Primary. If the primary is partisan, the certification must also indicate the party affiliation of all candidates. The candidates are certified in the order the petitions were filed or as determined by lottery (for simultaneous filings). When a municipality is situated in two or more counties, the certification must be sent to the election authority in each county. (SBE Form G-1) (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

Note: In any city under the jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners, the certification is sent to the board of election commissioners.

Where officers are elected on a nonpartisan basis, a primary is held only where more than twice the number of candidates than are scheduled to be elected file petitions for any office. However, a ballot shall be prepared and a primary held when an individual files a written declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for an office for which the nomination is uncontested. In this situation the declaration of intent must be filed with the local election official on or before the certification date, December 28, 2006. (10 ILCS 5/7-5; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 1-25-45, 4-3-5)

The names of candidates whose petitions are declared invalid by an electoral board are not certified unless the electoral board decision is reversed by a court pursuant to judicial review.

## **UNCONTESTED PRIMARY**

A primary is not held for uncontested offices. Nominations are considered uncontested when not more candidates than the number to be elected have filed valid nominating petitions or filed declaration(s) of intent to be write-in candidates as described above. When one or more but not all of the offices are uncontested, a primary is held for the contested offices only. (10 ILCS 5/7-5, 7-12)

## **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

### **Certification of established party candidates (after the Primary):**

The local election official (municipal clerk), within five days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of the Consolidated Primary, certifies to the election authority the names of all candidates nominated at the Consolidated Primary. In the case of multiple offices (e.g., village trustees), the name of each candidate is placed on the Consolidated Election ballot according to the highest number of votes received in the primary. See SBE Form G-1. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

### **Certification of Independent, New Party and Nonpartisan Candidates:**

Not less than 61 days (February 15, 2007) before the Consolidated Election, the local election official of each political subdivision participating in the election shall certify the names of all candidates whose nominating petitions were filed in their offices, in the order so filed (or as determined by lottery for simultaneous filings), to each election authority in whose jurisdiction the political subdivision is located. See SBE Form G-1 and G-1A. Public questions(s) initiated by petition or board resolution must also be certified to the election authority. See SBE Form G-1B.

If a political subdivision is located in two or more counties, the certification shall be made to the election authority of each county. If a political subdivision is situated partially within a municipality under the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election commissioners and partially within the county, the certification shall be made to both the board and to the county clerk.

Candidates whose nomination petitions are declared invalid by the proper electoral board shall not be certified unless the electoral board decision is reversed by a court pursuant to judicial review. (10 ILCS 5/10-15)

## **BALLOT PLACEMENT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

### Nomination by Primary (established party):

Candidate Names –

Candidates for multiple offices (e.g., village trustee) appear on the ballot, according to the number of votes cast at the primary in descending order (i.e., the candidate with the highest number of votes will be first on the ballot).

Established Party Names --

The order in which each party appears on the Consolidated Election ballot is determined by a public lottery prior to the canvass and proclamation of the results of the primary. The lottery is held in the office of the local election official (municipal clerk). The local election official must give three days written notice of the time and place for the lottery. The notice must be sent to each county chairman and each civic organization entitled to pollwatcher credentials. The State Board of Elections recommends that local established political parties also be notified of the lottery. The notice must be posted in a conspicuous, open and public place. In cities under the jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners, the board makes the party placement determination within five days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of the Consolidated Primary.

Nomination by Caucus (established party):

Candidate Names --

Caucus nominees must be certified and placed on the Consolidated Election ballot in the order they appear on the caucus certificate.

Established Party Names --

Determination of party placement on the ballot must be made prior to the certification by a public lottery which is held in the office of the local election official (municipal clerk). The procedures for the lottery are the same as those listed for holding a lottery in municipalities having a primary. The order of the party placement is part of the official certification.

New Political Parties:

New political parties must be certified in the order in which the petitions were received or as determined by lottery if there is a simultaneous filing on the first day. New parties appear on the ballot after established parties.

Independent Candidates:

Independent candidates must be certified in the order in which the petitions were filed or as determined by lottery if petitions were filed simultaneously by more than one candidate. Independents are listed on the Consolidated Election ballot after new political parties. If there are no new parties, independent candidates follow established party candidates.

Nonpartisan Candidates:

No party name or designation may appear before the listing of nonpartisan candidates. Candidates for nonpartisan offices must be certified in the order the petitions are filed or as determined by lottery in the case of simultaneous filings. If a primary was held (municipal offices only), the candidates are listed according to the number of votes they received in the primary.

## ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information must be included on the certification, if applicable:

1. In addition to the candidate names, the party name or the word “Independent” must be included. In nonpartisan elections, only the candidates’ names are listed (the word “**nonpartisan**” does not appear)
2. The number of candidates to be nominated or elected, e.g., “For Trustee, three to be elected”
3. The terms of the office to be on the ballot, when a vacancy is to be filled for less than a full term, or when offices of a particular subdivision to be on the ballot at the same election are to be filled for different terms (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1, 10-15)
4. Where the School Code prescribes a special ballot format for its election of officers, the certification for that school district shall specify the prescribed ballot format (e.g., school elections where membership on boards of education is restricted as to incorporated and unincorporated areas, the ballot shall specify the residency of each candidate). See “Certificate of Ballot” forms on page 49.

### IMPORTANT:

The local election official must issue an amended certification in the following situations:  
(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 10-15)

1. ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION IS INCORRECT
2. A CANDIDATE HAS WITHDRAWN
3. ELECTORAL BOARD OR JUDICIAL REVIEW DECISION RENDERED



# **ABSENTEE VOTING**

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Individuals qualified to vote by absentee ballot may make application for a ballot to the election authority by mail not more than 40 nor less than five days before each election. Applications may be made and ballots voted in person not more than 40 days nor less than one day before the election.

## **LOCAL ABSENTEE VOTING**

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

Unless specifically authorized by the election authority, municipal, township, and road district clerks shall not conduct in-person absentee voting. No less than 45 days before the date of an election, the election authority shall notify the municipal, township, and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct in-person absentee voting. Election authorities, however, may conduct in-person absentee voting in one or more appropriate public buildings from the fourth day before the election through the day before the election.

# **EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

(10 ILCS 19A)

If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the election authority shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. The ballot must be voted on the premises of the election authority (or such permanent or temporary branch early voting location established by the election authority as provided in Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code), and returned to the election authority.

An election authority may establish permanent polling places for early voting by personal appearance at locations throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or local public agency office. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any polling place established for early voting.

## **Period for early voting/hours.**

The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the 22nd day preceding a general primary, consolidated primary, consolidated election, or general election and extends through the 5th day before Election Day.

A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

## **Temporary branch polling places.**

In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the election authority may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting.

Voting at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance that are determined by the election authority.

## **Pollwatchers.**

Pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early voting by personal appearance at each permanent and temporary polling place where early voting is conducted. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings and view all reasonably requested records relating to the conduct of the early voting, provided the secrecy of the ballot is not impinged.

# ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

(10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-1, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6)

The election authority shall publish the notice of the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election. The following are notice requirements for the election of candidates as well as those for referenda.

At least 60 days prior to the election, the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped, of the availability of registration and voting aids and of the availability of assistance in marking a ballot and procedures for absentee voting. (Consolidated Primary deadline: December 29, 2006; Consolidated Election deadline: February 16, 2007)

Not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before each election, the election authority shall publish a notice which shall include:

1. TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING THE ELECTION
2. HOUR POLLS WILL BE OPEN (i.e., 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
3. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES SHALL BE ELECTED
4. LIST OF ADDRESSES FOR PRECINCT POLLING PLACES (unless this list is separately published by the election authority not less than 10 days before the Consolidated Election)
5. THE COLORS FOR PRIMARY BALLOTS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION (published 15 days before primary) (10 ILCS 5/7-18)

Notice shall be published:

1. once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision having such election;
2. if no such newspaper, then once in a local newspaper having circulation in the subdivision and once in a newspaper published in the county and having general circulation in all political subdivisions holding an election; or
3. whenever these notice requirements cannot be complied with because of the absence of any qualified newspaper, it shall be sufficient to post the required notice in five (5) public places in the political subdivision.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION(S) NOTICE**

(10 ILCS 5/12-5, 6)

Notice shall be published by the election authority not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before the regular election at which a public question of a political subdivision is to be submitted. The notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political subdivision. The notice shall also be posted at the principal office of the election authority and at the principal office of the governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office, at the building in which the governing body of the governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held. In addition, the notice shall set forth the public question as it will appear on the ballot and shall include any information required by the statute authorizing the question, such as a description of boundaries for annexation questions.

## **PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES**

(10 ILCS 5/11-7)

The Election Code provides that the voting precincts established by the county boards and boards of election commissioners shall be the precincts used for all elections. However, the election authority may cluster up to four contiguous precincts which shall constitute a clustered voting zone for the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election.

## **JUDGES OF ELECTION**

(10 ILCS 5/7-26, 13-1, 13-2, 13-6, 14-1, 14-3.1)

Judges of election appointed by the election authority are confirmed by the circuit court and certified for two years. The judges are obligated to serve at all regularly scheduled elections during the two-year period.

County boards and boards of election commissioners may select three judges (from the five appointed judges) to serve at the Consolidated Primary or Consolidated Election. Three judges may also be used for emergency referenda and special municipal primaries. Two judges must be affiliated with the first leading political party and one judge must be affiliated with the second leading political party.

## **BALLOTS**

(10 ILCS 5/7-16, 7-20, 7-21, 16-3, 16-4.1, 24-11 and 24A-6)

The election authority shall prepare and have printed the ballots for the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Elections. The facsimile signature of the election authority shall be printed on the back of each political subdivision ballot. In optical scan jurisdictions, the signature shall be printed on the front of the ballot.

Specimen ballots for the Consolidated Primary are distributed to each political party participating in the primary, the election judges and the appropriate local election officials. At least five days prior (February 22, 2007) to the primary, each local election official is required to publish a copy of the specimen ballot for their unit of local government. The specimen ballot must be published in two or more newspapers published within the political subdivision, or, if a newspaper is not published in the political subdivision, in two or more newspapers published in the county having general circulation in the political subdivision holding the primary. It is not required to publish a specimen ballot for the Consolidated Election; however, specimen ballots must be available for public inspection and distribution at least five days prior to the election.

In every county of not more than 500,000 inhabitants, each election authority shall publish, prior to election day, a list of all nominations made for all offices to be voted for at such election, as near as may be in the form in which they shall appear on the general ballot.

## **POLLING PLACE PROCEDURES**

Election day procedures in odd-year elections in the precinct polling places are substantially the same as even-year elections. At the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election, the judges of election shall process voters in the same manner now prescribed by law for the General Primary and General Election of even-numbered years.

The *2007 Manual of Instructions for Election Judges* published by the State Board of Elections provides detailed information about proper polling place procedures.

## **POLLWATCHERS (10 ILCS 5/17-23)**

Pollwatchers credentials shall be issued by and under the facsimile signature of the election authority and shall be available for distribution to qualified individuals no later than two weeks prior to the election. Pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois, but are no longer required to be registered to vote in the jurisdiction.

(Consolidated Primary deadline: February 13, 2007; Consolidated Election deadline: April 3, 2007)

## CANVASS AND PROCLAMATION

Local Canvassing boards have been abolished as per (PA 94-0647). A reference to a local or county canvassing board means (i) for elections in which the political subdivision that is choosing candidates or submitting a public question is located entirely within the jurisdiction of a single election authority, that election authority and (ii) for elections for offices and public questions in which the political subdivision that is choosing candidates or submitting a public question is located within the jurisdiction of 2 or more election authorities, the election authority having jurisdiction over the location at which the political subdivision has its principal office. [10 ILCS 5/1-8]

## RECOUNTS AND CONTESTS

### DISCOVERY RECOUNTS

(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1, 24A-15.1)

Within five days after the last day for proclaiming the results of the election, any losing candidate who received votes equal to 95% of the number of votes received by any successful candidate for the same office may file a petition for a discovery recount with the election authority. Any five electors of the same area within which votes cast for a public question may file a petition for discovery if the losing side of the question would have prevailed had it received an additional number of votes equal to 5% of the total votes cast.

The election authority conducts the discovery recount. The results of a discovery recount cannot be certified and a discovery recount cannot be used to amend or change the abstract of votes or used to deny the successful candidate his election. A discovery recount does not change the results for candidate elections or questions of public policy and the recount cannot be used as a prerequisite for an election contest or prevent an election contest.

## **ELECTION CONTESTS**

(10 ILCS 5/17-30, 17-32, 17-33, 18-18, 23-20, 23-26)

Within 30 days after the election authority (canvassing board) proclaims the results of the Consolidated Election, any losing candidate for office or any qualified voter in that political subdivision may contest the election of the winning candidate by filing a petition with the clerk of the circuit court. [Exception: A contest for the office of alderman is filed and heard by the city council. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-10)] The deadline for filing a contest for the Consolidated Primary is 10 days following the proclamation (10 ILCS 5/7-63). In the City of Chicago, 65 ILCS 20/21-27 provides for a different deadline for aldermanic races for primary contests (5 days after the election). Copies of the petition for contest shall be delivered to each election authority having custody of any ballots involved in the contest.

The circuit court shall hear and determine the election contest. If the court enters judgment in favor of the plaintiff, it shall either declare elected the person who shall appear to be duly elected or, if evidence of mistake or irregularity in the conduct of the election is so substantial that it is impossible to determine the true results of the election as a whole, it may void the election and order a new election without regard to the consolidated election schedule.

A court hearing an election contest shall grant a petition for recount properly filed where, based on facts alleged in such petition, there appears a reasonable likelihood the recount will change the results of the election.

If a new election is ordered as a result of an election contest, the affected political subdivision pays the cost for conducting the election when such special election is not conducted at the time of a regular election.

## **ELECTION CONTESTS - REFERENDA**

(10 ILCS 5/23 - 24)

In the case of questions of public policy, any five electors of the political subdivision may contest the results within 30 days after the results have been determined in the same manner as in other cases of contested elections. The political subdivision is the defendant. Process is served as in other suits against the political subdivision and like proceedings are held as in other cases of contested elections before the court.

## **VACANCIES IN NOMINATION**

A vacancy in nomination occurs when a candidate nominated for office dies, declines the nomination or, by reason of disability or legal disqualification, could not serve in the office if elected. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11) (26 Ill. Adm. Code, Chap. 1, Sec. 207.10)

### **VACANCIES IN NOMINATION - CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY**

In a **partisan** Consolidated Primary, the vacancy in nomination is filled by resolution of the municipal or central committee of the established political party for which the vacancy exists. If no candidate's name was printed on the ballot for a particular office and if no person was nominated as a write-in candidate for that office, a vacancy in nomination is created and may be filled by the appropriate managing committee.

The managing committee of a statewide established political party is composed of either the precinct, or ward committeemen of the municipality. The managing committee of a local political party established only within the municipality is composed of the party officers. The officers are the party's candidates who were nominated at the primary. If no primary was held because every nomination was uncontested, then the remaining candidates are the party officers. [10 ILCS 5/7-61, 7-8(h)]

### **VACANCY ON OR AFTER THE PRIMARY**

Any vacancy in nomination occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification must be filled prior to the date of certification of the Consolidated Election ballot.

### **VACANCY AFTER CERTIFICATION**

Any vacancy in nomination occurring after the date of certification but prior to 15 days before the Consolidated Election must be filled within eight days of the event creating the vacancy. Within three days after the managing committee adopts its resolution to fill the vacancy, a notice of resolution is delivered to the election authority. The name of the person appointed to fill the vacancy will appear on the ballot instead of the name of the original nominee.

### **VACANCY WITHIN 15 DAYS OF ELECTION**

Any vacancy in nomination occurring 15 days or less before the Consolidated Election cannot be filled and the name of the original nominee shall appear on the ballot. If the result of the official canvass shows that the original nominee received the greatest number of votes, that candidate is proclaimed elected and a vacancy in office is created.

In a **nonpartisan** municipal Consolidated Primary, the vacancy in nomination is filled by the losing candidate who received the next highest number of votes. If there is no "runner-up" to fill a specific vacancy in nomination, then the vacancy is filled by the write-in candidate who received the highest number of votes, provided that number equals at least 10% of the votes received by the original nominee.



## **VACANCIES IN NOMINATION - CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

### **NEW PARTY CANDIDATES**

Any vacancy in nomination of new political party candidates that occurs prior to the date of certification for the Consolidated Election may be filled by resolution by the party officers prior to the certification date. A vacancy occurring after certification but prior to 15 days before the Consolidated Election may be filled by resolution by the new party officers within eight days after the event creating the vacancy. The party officers are those individuals named in the certificate of officers attached to the petition to create a new political party. If the new political party failed to file a certificate of party organization, vacancies cannot be filled. Any vacancy occurring 15 days or less before the Consolidated Election cannot be filled and the name of the original nominee appears on the ballot. If the results of the official canvass shows that the original nominee received the highest number of votes, that candidate is proclaimed elected which creates a vacancy in office. (10 ILCS 5/10-11)

**NOTE:** Resolutions to fill vacancies in nomination must be sent by U.S. mail or personal delivery to the certifying officer or board within three days of the date of the resolution. If the resolution is sent by mail and the postmark on the envelope is dated prior to expiration of the three-day period, the notice of resolution is deemed filed within the three-day limit. Failure to transmit a notice or resolution to the certifying officer or board authorizes the officer or board to certify the original candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

A resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination must be notarized and include the name of the original nominee and the office vacated; the date the vacancy occurred; and the name and address of the nominee selected to fill the vacancy and the date of selection. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

### **INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office is withdrawn or declared invalid a vacancy in nomination does not exist and any resolution filed in an attempt to fill the vacancy does not have any legal effect. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

# **VACANCIES IN OFFICE**

(10 ILCS 5/25-2)

A vacancy in office occurs whenever a person cannot complete his/her term of office. We advise seeking the advice of **competent legal counsel** for filling vacancies in office. The information on the next few pages provides general information only for the filling of vacancies in certain offices.

Vacancies can occur for the following reasons:

1. The death of the incumbent.
2. His or her resignation in writing filed with the Secretary or Clerk of the Board.
3. His or her becoming a person under legal disability.
4. His or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of the district for which he or she was elected.
5. His or her conviction of an infamous crime, or of any offense involving a violation of official oath.
6. His or her removal from office.
7. His or her refusal or neglect to take his or her oath of office, or to give or renew his or her official bond, or to deposit or file such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law.
8. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring his or her election void.
9. For school offices, the office holder is no longer an inhabitant of a particular area from which he was elected, if the residential requirements contained in 105 ILCS 5/10-10.5 or 11E-35 of the Act are violated.

No elective office except as herein otherwise provided becomes vacant until the successor of the incumbent of such office has been appointed or elected and qualifies for the office.

## **MUNICIPAL OFFICES - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office** (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

When a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal office with at least 28 months remaining in a four-year term, and the vacancy occurs at least 130 days before the next Consolidated Election, the vacancy is filled for the remainder of the term at that Consolidated Election. The office is filled by interim appointment until the next Consolidated Election. (Exception: City Clerk and Treasurer, Mayor-Council form of government)

For the office of **mayor**, the city council shall elect one of their members acting mayor. The appointee serves as acting mayor and council member. (Exception: Commission or Manager form of government)

For the office of **village president**, the village board of trustees appoints one of the village trustees acting president until the Consolidated Election. For villages of less than 5,000 population, such appointment may be filled by any other qualified village resident if all members of the Board of Trustees either decline the appointment or are not approved for the appointment by a majority vote of the trustees presently holding office. The appointee serves as acting president and trustee.

A vacancy in the office of **city clerk or treasurer** is filled by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council. The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the officer elected, regardless of the amount of time left in the term. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-5)

If the vacancy is in any other elective office, the mayor or president shall appoint a qualified person to the office subject to the advice and consent of the city council or trustees until the next Consolidated Election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

When a vacancy occurs in an office that has a two-year term, the vacancy is filled by appointment for the remainder of the term. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

### **Commission Form of Municipal Government**

If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or commissioner, the remaining members of the council, within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term or until the vacancy is filled by interim election and until the successor is elected and qualified. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5, 4-3-4)

### **Managerial Form of Municipal Government**

If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or councilman, the remaining members of the council, within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, shall fill the vacancy by appointment of some person to the office for the balance of the unexpired term or until the vacancy is filled by interim election and until the successor is elected and has qualified. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5, 5-2-12)

Whenever a vacancy in the office of a trustee in any village, whether incorporated under a general or a special Act, occurs during his or her term, the vacancy shall be filled for the

remainder of the term as provided in 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50. During the period from the time that the vacancy occurs until a trustee is elected under this Section and has qualified, the vacancy may be filled by the appointment of a trustee by the president with the advice and consent of the remaining trustees. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made within 60 days after the vacancy occurs. (65 ILCS 5/5-2-15)

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICES - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

When a vacancy occurs in any township office (except township or multi-township assessor) the township board shall fill the vacancy by appointment, and the person so appointed shall hold their respective offices for the remainder of the unexpired term. If a vacancy on the township board is not filled within 60 days, then a special township meeting must be called under 60 ILCS 1/35-5 to select a replacement under 60 ILCS 1/35-35. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person vacating the office. (60 ILCS 1/60-5)

#### **Township or Multi-township Assessor**

When any township or multi-township assessment district fails to elect an assessor or when a vacancy occurs, the township or multi-township board of trustees shall fill the vacancy in the township or multi-township assessment district by appointing a person qualified as required by 35 ILCS 200/2-45 or as revised by the Department of Revenue under 35 ILCS 200/2-52. A person appointed to fill a vacancy must be a member of the same political party as the person vacating the office. In the alternative, a township or multi-township assessment district shall contract with a person qualified under Section 2-45 or as revised by the Department of Revenue under Section 2-52 to do the assessing. (35 ILCS 200/2-60)

#### **Highway Commissioner and Clerk - Counties under Township Organization**

In counties under township organization the provisions of law applicable to resignations from township offices and filling vacancies shall apply to highway offices in townships not consolidated into township road districts in the same manner as other township officers. (605 ILCS 5/6-120)

#### **Highway Commissioner and Clerk - Counties not under Township Organization**

When a vacancy occurs in road district offices, the presiding officer of the county board, with the advice and consent of the county board, shall fill the vacancy by certificate under the signature and seal of the county clerk; and the person so appointed shall hold their respective offices until the next regular election, and until their successors are elected and qualified. (605 ILCS 5/6-121)

#### **Highway Commissioner and Clerk - Consolidated District**

Any vacancy of highway commissioner or clerk shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by appointment by a majority of the members of the highway board of auditors. (605 ILCS 5/6-122)

### **Highway Board of Auditors - Consolidated Township Road District**

Any vacancy in the office of highway board of auditors shall be filled by the highway board of auditors. (605 ILCS 5/6-123)

### **PARK OFFICES - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

For the office of park commissioner, the vacancy is filled by appointment by the remaining members of the park board. The appointed person holds office until the next Consolidated Election. At that time, a commissioner will be elected to fill the unexpired term subject to the following conditions (70 ILCS 1205/2-25):

1. If less than 28 months remain in the term, the appointment is for the balance of the unexpired term;
2. If more than 28 months remain in the term, but there are less than 88 days before the next Consolidated Election, the appointed individual holds office until the second Consolidated Election following the appointment, at which a member shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL OR TOWNSHIP LIBRARY OFFICES General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

For the office of Library Trustee, the vacancy is filled by appointment by the remaining trustees until the next Consolidated Election. At that time a trustee is elected for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy occurs with less than 28 months remaining in the term and with less than 88 days before the next Consolidated Election, the appointment is for the balance of the term. (75 ILCS 5/4-4, 16/30-25)

### **SCHOOL OFFICES UNDER ARTICLE 33 OF THE SCHOOL CODE - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

For the office of school board member, the vacancy is filled by appointment by the school board until the next regular election. (105 ILCS 5/33-1)

### **SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TRUSTEES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of **School District and Township Land Commissioner**, the remaining members shall notify the regional superintendent of that vacancy within five (5) days after its occurrence and shall proceed to fill the vacancy until the next regular school election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than 868 days remaining in the term or if the vacancy occurs less than 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election, the person appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

If the board fails to act within 45 days after the vacancy occurs, the appropriate regional superintendent of schools shall, within 30 days, fill the vacancy. The successor shall have the same type of residential qualifications as his or her predecessor and if the residential requirements contained in section 10-10.5 or 11E-35 of the School Code apply, the successor, whether elected or appointed by the remaining members or a regional superintendent, shall be an inhabitant of the particular area from which his or her predecessor was elected.

A vacancy in the office of **Township School Trustee** shall be filled by the remaining trustees until the next regularly scheduled election at which election a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than 28 months remaining in the term, or if less than 88 days before the regularly scheduled election, the person so appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the trustees fail to act within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the appropriate regional superintendent of schools shall, within 15 days, fill the vacancy. The appointee shall have the same residential qualifications as the trustee who vacated the office. (105 ILCS 5/5-14)

A vacancy in the office of **Community College Trustee** shall be filled by the remaining trustees until the next regularly scheduled election. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than four months remaining before the next scheduled election, and the term of office of the board member vacating the position is not scheduled to expire at that election, then the term of the person so appointed shall extend through that election and until the succeeding election. If the term of office of the board member vacating the position is scheduled to expire at the upcoming election, the appointed member shall serve only until a successor is elected and qualified at that election. If the remaining trustees fail to act within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, the chairman of the State Board of Education shall fill that vacancy until the next regular election for board members. (110 ILCS 805/3-7f)

#### **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

Whenever a vacancy in the board of trustees occurs, the vacancy is filled by the board of trustees within 60 days after the vacancy occurs. (70 ILCS 705/5)

#### **FOX WATERWAY AGENCY - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

Vacancies in the office of director or chairman shall be filled by the remaining members of the board, who shall appoint to fill the vacated office for the remainder of the term of such office an individual who would be eligible for election to such office. However, if a vacancy occurs in the office of chairman or director with at least 28 months remaining in the term of such office, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term at the next Consolidated Election. Until the office is filled by election, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a qualified person to the office. (615 ILCS 90/5)

## **FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICTS - General Provisions for Filling Vacancies in Office**

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the president of the board of commissioners, with the advice and consent of the other commissioners. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if more than 28 months remain in the term, the appointment shall be until the next Consolidated Election, at which time the vacated office of commissioner shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of president of the board of commissioners, the remaining commissioners shall elect one of their number to serve as president for the balance of the unexpired term. (70 ILCS 805/3.5)

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Referenda)**

(10 ILCS 5/28-1)

Article 28 of the Election Code shall govern the procedures for the initiation and submission of public questions at all regular elections and emergency referendum. These include: questions initiated by ordinance or resolution of a political subdivision's governing body, or questions initiated by petition, and advisory questions or legally binding questions.

### **QUESTIONS HAVING LEGAL EFFECT**

(10 ILCS 5/28-1)

Legally binding public questions are those authorized by a political subdivision statute (e.g., School Code, etc.) or another statute (e.g., Revenue Act, etc.). The following petition requirements specified in such statute shall govern in addition to the general petition requirements (e.g., uniform sized sheets consecutively numbered and securely bound, circulator's affidavit, etc.) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes:

- a. NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED
- b. QUALIFICATIONS (other than voter registration) OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO SIGN PETITION
- c. PLACE OF FILING THE PETITION
- d. FORM OF THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED
- e. CONTENTS OF THE PETITION (e.g., description of boundaries or affected territorial area in the case of annexations or liquor issues).

Where a political subdivision or other statute so provides, public questions of a legally binding effect may be initiated by ordinance or resolution adopted by the political subdivision's governing body. Furthermore, there may be restrictions set forth in the statute governing the referenda that limit the public question to submission at a particular election. No public question shall be submitted to the voters of a political subdivision at any regularly scheduled election at which such voters are not scheduled to vote for candidates for nomination or for election to public office.

### **ADVISORY QUESTIONS**

In the case of advisory public questions, the general petition requirements of the Election Code shall govern. Such petition shall be signed by not less than 8% of the votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election (2006) of a municipality, township, county or school district in which the question is to be submitted and shall be filed with the local election official of that political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-1, 28-6)



NOTE: Advisory questions of public policy can be initiated by resolution in municipalities, townships, counties and park districts (60 ILCS 1/80-80; 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

### **TIME OF PETITION FILING**

(10 ILCS 5/28-2)

A petition for a public question shall be filed with the appropriate officer or board not less than 78 days prior to a regular election to be eligible for submission on the ballot at such election. Attached to such petition shall be a certificate showing the name and address of one proponent of the public question or the attorney for the proponents. (EXCEPTION: petition for formation of new unit of government)

A resolution or ordinance initiating a public question must be adopted by the appropriate governing body not less than 65 days before a regular election.

Unless a particular statute authorizing a public question specifies the regular election at which such question shall be submitted, the petition, resolution, or ordinance initiating such question may specify the regular election for its submission, and the question shall be limited to that election. However, no petition, resolution, or ordinance initiating a public question of a political subdivision may specify an election more than one year after the date on which it was filed or adopted. If the petition, resolution, or ordinance does not specify a regular election for submission, such question shall be certified for and submitted at the forthcoming election occurring not less than 78 days (for petitions) after its filing or 65 days (for resolution or ordinance) after its adoption. We advise the local election official to provide a Notice of Obligation (Form D-5) as provided under the Campaign Financing Act to the proponent whose name is indicated on the certificate attached to the petition or to the attorney for the proponents if no name is listed.

### **"BACK - DOOR" REFERENDA**

(10 ILCS 5/28-1, 28-2)

When a "back-door" referendum (i.e., question of acceptance or rejection of prior official action of a governing body submitted to the voters of a political subdivision) is permitted by a political subdivision statute, any time restrictions in another statute on the filing of the "back-door" petition shall be in addition to the 78 day filing deadline for public question petitions. Section 28-2 provides that the Secretary or Clerk of the political subdivision shall provide petition forms, signature requirements and filing deadlines for "back-door" referenda.

EXAMPLE: If the statute provides that a "back-door" petition may be filed within 30 days after the publication of a local ordinance, such petition must still be filed not less than 78 days before the next regular election to be eligible for submission at that election.

## **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Not less than 61 days before a regular election, each local election official shall certify the public question initiated by petition, resolution or ordinance of the local governing body to the proper election authorities for submission to the voters of the political subdivision at that election. The certification shall include the form of question for placement on the ballot and the date on which the question was initiated, either by petition, resolution, ordinance or court order. Additionally, the certification for annexation to, disconnection from, or formation of political subdivisions shall include a description of the affected territory whenever such territory is not coterminous with an existing political subdivision.

Notwithstanding the method of initiation, not more than 3 public questions per political subdivision [other than (a) back-door referenda; (b) referenda to determine whether a disconnection may take place where a city is coterminous with a township is proposing to annex territory from an adjacent township; or (c) referenda held under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-185 et seq.) or (d) referenda held under Section 2-3002 of the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/2-3002)] may be on the ballot in a political subdivision at the same election. If more than 3 questions are validly initiated by petition, resolution, or ordinance (or combination thereof), or more than 3 questions are certified by a local election official to the proper election authorities, the first three questions filed shall be certified and submitted to the voters for the upcoming election. Whenever the 3-question limitation prevents the certification and submission of a question at an election, the local election official in receipt of the initiating petition, resolution or ordinance or the election authority in receipt of the certification shall give notice of such limitation by registered mail as follows:

1. In the case of a petition, to the person designated on the attached certificate as the proponent or attorney for the proponents;
2. In the case of a certification from a local election official, the election authority shall give notice to the election official who shall notify the proponent or the local governing body, as the case may be;
3. In the case of a certification from a circuit court clerk pursuant to court order, the election authority shall notify the court, which shall give notice to the individuals cited in #1.

**IMPORTANT: When certifying a public question, the local election official must make certain that the question reads exactly as shown on the petition, resolution, ordinance, or court-order. Proofreading for spelling/wording errors is VERY IMPORTANT. (See SBE Form G-1B)**

## **OBJECTIONS TO PUBLIC QUESTION PETITIONS**

(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

1. For objections to petitions filed with local election officials:

Objections to a public question petition may be filed with the local election official with whom the petition was filed within 5 business days of the last day for petition filing. The provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1 relating to objections to nominating petitions, electoral board hearings on objections and judicial review shall be applicable to petitions for public questions of a political subdivision.

2. For objections to petitions filed with Circuit Court:

Objections shall be presented to the court prior to the date established for the hearing. Unless otherwise provided in the statute authorizing the public questions, the court shall:

- a. set a hearing on the objection petition;
- b. cause publication of notice of the hearing as soon as possible after the filing of the petition, but not more than 14 days after the filing of the petition for referendum and not less than 5 days before the date set for hearings, in a local newspaper published in the political subdivision, or if none, in a general circulation newspaper published in the county;
- c. insofar as practicable, conduct such hearing in the manner provided by Article 10 for electoral board objection hearings; and
- d. enter a final order not less than 7 days after the initial hearing.

## **CONTESTING REFERENDA ELECTIONS**

10 ILCS 5/23-24 shall govern the procedures for contesting a referendum election.

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS - RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**(as codified under the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act)**

**Section 201.40 Simultaneous Filing for the Same Office (Lottery)**

Simultaneous filings of candidate nominating petitions for the same office occur only at 8:00 a.m., or the opening hour, on the first day of filing. The lottery system to be used by the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or the local election official to break ties resulting from such simultaneous filings must be approved by the State Board of Elections. The following system has been so approved:

- a) The names of all candidates who filed simultaneously for the same office shall be listed alphabetically and shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one which shall be assigned to the candidate whose name is listed first on the alphabetical list; provided, however, that candidates filing a group petition for the same office shall be treated as one in the alphabetical listing using the name of the first candidate for such office to appear on the petitions as the name to be included in the alphabetical list. For example, if five candidates by the name of Downs, Brown, Edwards, Cook and Adams filed simultaneously, they will be arranged alphabetically and assigned numbers as follows: Adams, one; Brown, two; Cook, three; Downs, four; and Edwards, five. However, if Cook and Adams filed a group petition and Cook's name appeared first on the petition, then the candidates would be arranged as follows: Brown, one; Cook and Adams, two; Downs, three; and Edwards, four.
- b) All ties will be broken by a single drawing. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to each candidate and group of candidates pursuant to the alphabetical listing procedures set forth in the above paragraph (a). For example, if the largest number to be used for any office is five, then numbers one, two, three, four and five will be placed in a container. In this manner, sufficient numbers will be placed in the container to conduct a drawing for all offices at the same time.
- c) After the numbers are placed in the container they shall be drawn one at a time from the container after they have been thoroughly shaken and mixed. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on an alphabetical list corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified ahead of the other candidates listed on the alphabetical list. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on the alphabetical list corresponding to the second number drawn will be certified second and so forth until all numbers have been drawn. For example, where no group petitions were filed, if candidates Adams, Brown, Cook, Downs, and Edwards filed simultaneously at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing, and the number three is first drawn, then candidate Cook, who is listed in the third position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified first on the ballot. If the number one is drawn second, then candidate Adams, who is listed in first position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified second on the ballot....and so on. For offices where group petitions were filed, using the example set forth above where candidates Cook and Adams file a group petition for the same office, and Cook's name appears first on the petition, and number three is drawn first, then candidate Downs would be listed first. If the number

two is drawn second, then candidates Cook and Adams would be certified second and third, respectively. If the number four is drawn third, then candidate Edwards would be certified fourth....and so on. In districts with fewer names on the alphabetical list than are in the drawing, then all numbers in excess of the number of candidates or group of candidates that appear on the particular alphabetical list shall be disregarded. Thus, if five numbers are placed in the container, and only four candidates or groups of candidates are on a particular list, then the number five shall be disregarded. For example, if candidates Adams and Cook, filing separate petitions, are the only candidates listed on the alphabetical list and five numbers are chosen in the following order: 3, 5, 4, 2 and 1, then candidate Cook's name will appear in the certification prior to the name of candidate Adams.

- d) If at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing, two or more nominating petitions for the same office are presented; they shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. Ballot position shall be assigned consecutively to these petitions with the first petition received placed upon the ballot before the second set of petitions received and so on. No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.
- e) All candidates shall be certified in the order in which petitions have been filed with the State Board of Elections, election authority or the local election official. In cases where candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be certified (in the order determined by the lottery procedure outlined above) prior to candidates who filed for the same office who filed their petitions at a later time, except in those situations where the law requires rotation on a district-by-district basis.

(Source: Amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 14140, effective December 4, 1981)

## **Section 202.40 Simultaneous Filings for the Same Office - New Parties - Lottery**

Simultaneous filings of new political party petitions for full slates of candidates occur only at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing. The lottery system to be used by the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or the local election official to break ties resulting from such simultaneous filings must be approved by the State Board of Elections. The following system has been so approved:

- a) New political party petitions received shall be classified according to the political subdivision to which they relate. Within each classification, petitions filed simultaneously shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one;
- b) All ties in new political party filings shall be broken by a single drawing. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to the new political party petitions.

For example, if five petitions are filed simultaneously, then five numbers, one, two, three, four and five shall be placed in the container;

- c) After the numbers are placed in the container, they shall be drawn one at a time from the container after being thoroughly shaken and mixed. The new political party petition corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified first and so forth until all numbers are drawn;
- d) All new political parties shall be certified after the established political parties in the order in which petitions have been filed or with regard to simultaneous filings, in the order determined by the lottery procedure above outlined.

(Source: Amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 14144, effective December 4, 1981)

# **School and Community College**

## **SUPPLEMENT**

### **Candidate Ballot Placement Lottery Procedures**

The provisions in this supplement apply to both school districts and community college districts.

Both the handbook and supplement were prepared to assist school and community college election officials with the administration of the election process. However, this supplement is not intended to be used as a substitute for the relevant statutes, the Illinois Constitution, or applicable case law. Questions regarding the interpretation of information contained in the handbook or supplement, or any particular section of the Illinois Election Code or any other statute, should be referred to competent legal counsel.

## CANDIDATE BALLOT PLACEMENT

**Community unit school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 under mandatory board representation may initiate a referendum by resolution order or by petition to elect board of education members at large from the district without restrictions. (105 ILCS 5/10-10.5)**

### Ballot Order

For all school districts electing candidates to a board of education in a manner other than at-large, candidates who file nominating petitions for a full term shall be grouped together by area of residence as follows:

- (1) by congressional townships, or
- (2) according to incorporated or unincorporated areas.

For all school districts electing candidates to a board of education in a manner other than at-large, candidates who file nominating petitions for an unexpired term shall be grouped together by area of residence as follows:

- (1) by congressional townships, or
- (2) according to incorporated or unincorporated areas.

Note: In school districts that elect their board members according to area of residence, the winner(s) of the unexpired term(s) shall be determined first and independently of those running for full terms.

Candidate groupings by area of residence for unexpired terms shall precede the candidate groupings by area of residence for full terms. The ballot order of each candidate grouping shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery. (105 ILCS 5/9-11.2)

The area of residence of the candidate determined to be first by order of petition filing or by lottery shall be listed first among the candidate groupings on the ballot. All other candidates from the same area of residence will follow according to order of petition filing or the lottery. The area of residence of the candidate determined to be second by the order of petition filing or the lottery shall be listed second among the candidate groupings on the ballot. All other candidates from the same area of residence will follow according to the order of petition filing or the lottery. The ballot order of additional candidate groupings by area of residence shall be established in like manner. (105 ILCS 5/9-11.2)

"Area of Residence" means congressional township, incorporated, and unincorporated territories. (105 ILCS 5/9-11.2)



## Simultaneous Petition Filing - Lottery Procedures

Suggested Lottery Procedures for School Board Candidates Grouped Together by Congressional Township:

Simultaneous filings of candidate nominating petitions for the same office occur only at the beginning of the opening hour on the first day of filing. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed simultaneously filed as of the normal opening hour of such day.

The following example is a school district where membership on the Board of Education is restricted to a maximum of three members from any one congressional township.

In this example, we have 10 candidates who have filed simultaneously, all for a full 4-year term;

5 from Township 42 - N, Range 8E  
3 from Township 43 - N, Range 8E  
2 from Township 42 - N, Range 6E

Candidate groupings by area of residence **for unexpired terms** shall precede the candidate groupings by area of residence for **full terms** on the ballot. Separate lottery procedures for an unexpired term are conducted in the same manner as for full term.

The candidate filing first or the first candidate determined by lottery will determine the first candidate grouping on the ballot. All other candidates from the same area of residence will follow according to order of petition filing or the lottery.

The candidate filing second or the second candidate determined by the lottery will determine the second candidate grouping on the ballot. All other candidates from the same area of residence will follow according to the order of petition filing or the lottery.

The ballot order of additional candidate groupings by area of residence shall be established in like manner.

Lottery procedures are as follows:

- a. The names of all 10 candidates who filed simultaneously shall be listed alphabetically and shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one, which shall be assigned to the candidate whose name is listed first on the alphabetical list.
- b. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to each candidate, pursuant to the alphabetical listing. In this example, numbers 1 through 10 shall be placed in the container.
- c. The numbers shall be drawn one at a time from the container. The candidate in the position on the alphabetical list corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified first, and the candidate drawn second shall be certified second, and so on.

## **LIST OF CANDIDATES**

**FILING AS OF 8:00 a.m., JANUARY 29, 2007**

Larry Freeman Township 42 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
David Clute Township 43 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Jim Allen Township 42 N Range 6E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Dan Smith Township 42 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
John Gates Township 43 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Allan Demien Township 42 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Mary Randall Township 43 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Doug Irving Township 42 N Range 6E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Janet Bonkoski Township 42 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.
Linda Glenn Township 42 N Range 8E	1/29/07	8:00 a.m.

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

FILING AS OF 8:00 a.m., January 29, 2007

ONLY

ASSIGNED NUMBER	CANDIDATE	AREA OF RESIDENCE
1	Jim Allen	Township 42 N Range 6E
2	Janet Bonkoski	Township 42 N Range 8E
3	David Clute	Township 43 N Range 8E
4	Allan Demien	Township 42 N Range 8E
5	Larry Freeman	Township 42 N Range 8E
6	John Gates	Township 43 N Range 8E
7	Linda Glenn	Township 42 N Range 8E
8	Doug Irving	Township 42 N Range 6E
9	Mary Randall	Township 43 N Range 8E
10	Dan Smith	Township 42 N Range 8E

## **LIST OF CANDIDATES**

OTHER FILINGS ON JANUARY 29, 2007

Lester Jacobs Township 43 N Range 8E	1/29/07	11:45 a.m.
Carol Smith Township 43 N Range 8E	1/29/07	4:16 p.m.
John Jones Township 42 N Range 6 E 1/17/05	1/29/07	4:59 p.m.

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

FILING AS OF 8:00 a.m., JANUARY 29, 2007

ONLY

ASSIGNED NUMBER	CANDIDATE	AREA OF RESIDENCE
1	Jim Allen	Township 42 N Range 6E
2	Janet Bonkoski	Township 42 N Range 8E
3	David Clute	Township 43 N Range 8E
4	Allan Demien	Township 42 N Range 8E
5	Larry Freeman	Township 42 N Range 8E
6	John Gates	Township 43 N Range 8E
7	Linda Glenn	Township 42 N Range 8E
8	Doug Irving	Township 42 N Range 6E
9	Mary Randall	Township 43 N Range 8E
10	Dan Smith	Township 42 N Range 8E

The results of the lottery are as follows:

The numbers in the container were drawn in this order:

1, 4, 9, 2, 6, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 8.

## **CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**

- Township 42 N Range 6E -

Jim Allen  
Doug Irving  
John Jones

- Township 42 N Range 8E -

Allan Demien  
Janet Bonkoski  
Larry Freeman  
Linda Glenn  
Dan Smith

- Township 43 N Range 8E -

Mary Randall  
John Gates  
David Clute  
Lester Jacobs  
Carol Smith

Remember that not only the candidate, but the candidate's area of residence is to be determined by lottery and all candidates from the same area must be grouped together on the ballot.

The first assigned number drawn in the lottery was number one candidate, Jim Allen, from 42 - N, Range 6E; therefore, all other candidates from 42 - N, Range 6E must be placed in the first group on the ballot following Jim Allen.

The second assigned number drawn in the lottery was number four candidate, Allan Demien, from 42 - N, Range 8E; therefore, all other candidates from 42 - N, Range 8E must be placed in the second group on the ballot following Allan Demien.

The third assigned number drawn in the lottery was number nine candidate, Mary Randall, from 43 - N, Range 8E; therefore, all other candidates from 43 - N, Range 8E must be placed in the third group on the ballot following Mary Randall.

The fourth assigned number drawn was number two candidate, Janet Bonkowski, from 42 - N, Range 8E, who will follow candidate Allan Demien, who was drawn first from the same township.

The fifth assigned number drawn was number six candidate, John Gates, from 43 - N, Range 8E, who will follow candidate Mary Randall, who was drawn first from the same township.

The sixth number drawn was number three candidate, David Clute, 43 - N, Range 8E, who will follow candidate John Gates from the same township.

The seventh assigned number drawn was number five candidate, Larry Freeman, 42 - N, Range 8E, who will follow candidate Janet Bonkoski from the same township.

The eighth assigned number drawn was number seven candidate, Linda Glenn, 42 - N, Range 8E, who will follow Larry Freeman from the same township.

The ninth assigned number drawn was number ten candidate, Dan Smith, 42 - N, Range 8E, who will follow Linda Glenn from the same township.

The tenth assigned number drawn was number eight candidate, Doug Irving, 42 - N, Range 6E, who will follow Jim Allen from the same township.

Other candidates are assigned positions within their grouping according to their time of filing.

## FORMS

D-5	Notice of Obligation
G-1	Certification of Ballot
G-1A	Certification of Ballot
G-1B	Certification of Ballot
H-1A	Affidavit of Voters Attending Caucus
H-2	Certificate of Nomination by Caucus

### Certificate of Ballot Forms

G-2	(Format 1)
G-3	(Format 2)
G-4	(Format 3)
G-5	(Format 4)
G-6	(Format 5)
G-7	(Format 6)
G-8	(Format 7)
G-9	(Format 7A)
G-10	(Format 8)
G-11	(Format 8A)
G-12	(Format 8B)
G-13	(Ballots – Reverse Side Contents)
G-14	(Format 9)
G-14A	(Format 9A)

### Nominating Petition Forms

P-1A	(Statement of Candidacy)
P-1C	(Loyalty Oath – Optional)
P-4	Petition
P-6	Petition
P-6A	Petition
P-7	Petition
P-7A	Petition
P-21	Petition
P-21A	Petition
P-22	Petition
P-25	Withdrawal of Candidacy



## D-5 NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

**TO: All Candidates for Nomination, Election or Retention to Public Office and for Questions of Public Policy**

This letter is to officially notify you of your filing obligation with regard to Public Act 78-1183 (An Act to Regulate Campaign Financing).

- a) The Act requires a political committee to file a form D-1, Statement of Organization, within 10 business days of the creation of such committee, except any political committee created within the 30 days before an election must file a Statement of Organization within 5 business days. Required forms and A Guide to Campaign Disclosure are available from the Board or the County Clerk upon request. Failure to file or late filing of a Statement of Organization will result in a civil penalty being imposed by the Board.**

Committees who must file generally fall within two categories: Local Political Committees and State Political Committees:

10ILCS 5/9-1.7 "Local Political Committee" means the candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other organization or group of persons which:

- b) accepts contributions or grants or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for public office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic interest with the County Clerk, or on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for election to the office of ward or township committeeman in counties of 3,000,000 or more population;
- c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors of an area encompassing no more than one county;
- d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 and has as its primary purpose the furtherance of governmental, political or social values, is organized on a not-for-profit basis, and which publicly endorses or publicly opposes a candidate or candidates for public office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic interest with the County Clerk or a candidate or candidates for the office of ward or township committeeman in counties of 3,000,000 or more population; or
- e) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 for electioneering communications relating to any candidate or candidates described in paragraph (a) or any question of public policy described in paragraph (b).

A Local Political Committee must file documents with both the State Board of Elections and the appropriate County Clerk.

10ILCS 5/9-1.8 "State Political Committee" means the candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other organization or group of persons which:

- a) accepts contributions or grants or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for public office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic interest with the Secretary of State;
- b) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors of an area encompassing more than one county; or
- c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 and has as its primary purpose the furtherance of governmental, political or social values, is organized on a not-for-profit basis, and which publicly endorses or publicly opposes a candidate or candidates for public office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic interest with the Secretary of State; or
- d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 for electioneering communications relating to any candidate or candidates described in paragraph (a) or any question of public policy described in paragraph (b).

A State Political Committee must file documents with the State Board of Elections.

Revised August 12, 2004

**CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT**  
(Party Candidates)**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_, Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_, Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Political Division)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the political division aforesaid, do hereby state that this certification of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) is a true and correct listing of all OFFICES AND CANDIDATES in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_.

(insert month, day, year)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official)

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY : \_\_\_\_\_ PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY AND ATTACH TO THIS SHEET

---

Office _____	District or Ward _____
Term of Office _____	
Number to be voted for _____	
PARTY: _____	PARTY: _____
Candidates:	Candidates:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

---

Office _____	District or Ward _____
Term of Office _____	
Number to be voted for _____	
PARTY: _____	PARTY: _____
Candidates:	Candidates:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

Additional sheets for candidates for \_\_\_\_\_ political division.

---

Office _____	District or Ward _____
Term of Office _____	
Number to be voted for _____	
PARTY: _____	PARTY: _____
Candidates:	Candidates:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

---

---

Office _____	District or Ward _____
Term of Office _____	
Number to be voted for _____	
PARTY: _____	PARTY: _____
Candidates:	Candidates:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

---

**CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT**

**Local election officials of a political subdivision must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_, Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_, Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Political Division)

in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the political division aforesaid, do hereby state that this certification of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) is a true and correct listing of all OFFICES AND CANDIDATES in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(insert month, day, year)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official)

(SEAL)

**Check One:** ☐ Independent ☐ Nonpartisan

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

## CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

---

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

---

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

---

Office \_\_\_\_\_ District or Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be voted for \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

(Political Division)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the political division aforesaid, do hereby state that this certification of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) is a true and correct listing of the public questions in the order that they are to appear on the ballot to be voted on at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) (Local Election Official)

SPACE FOR PUBLIC QUESTION

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY AND ATTACH TO THIS SHEET



SPACE FOR PUBLIC QUESTION

SPACE FOR PUBLIC QUESTION

**AFFIDAVIT OF VOTERS ATTENDING MUNICIPAL CAUCUS**

At a caucus of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in and for the City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County of Illinois, held at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois,  
 on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (insert month, day, year)

STATE OF ILLINOIS                    )  
   ) SS.  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City or Village)

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the City or Village aforesaid and that I am affiliated with the political party, aforesaid, and I will not participate in the caucus of another political party.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER	ADDRESS
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	
11.	
12.	
13.	
14.	
15.	

This Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me by each of the persons whose signature appears thereon

\_\_\_\_\_.  
 (insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Caucus Judge)

**CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION BY CAUCUS**To \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official)

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ at a caucus of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

PARTY in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois, the  
(City, Village, Township)

following nominations were made for the respective offices herein designated, to be voted for at the \_\_\_\_\_

Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

NAME OF CANDIDATE (As it is to appear on ballot)	OFFICE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street and number)

We also certify that at the last candidate election in this political subdivision aforesaid, the \_\_\_\_\_  
PARTY polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Presiding Officer)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
) SS.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

The persons whose names are subscribed to the above certificate personally appeared before me on \_\_\_\_\_  
and upon their oaths stated that the same is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Authorized to Administer Oaths in Illinois)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

**Filed** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the office of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

**This certificate of nomination shall be accompanied by a Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) and a receipt for filing Economic Interests Statement for each candidate nominated.**

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 1**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.  
(School District)

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on

\_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)  
(insert month, day, year)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FORMAT 1

**This format is used by Boards of School Directors.  
(School Directors are elected at large.)**

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School District)

**FORMAT 2**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 2**

This format is used when school board members are elected at large. Membership on the school board is not restricted by area of residence.

Types of school districts generally using this format are:

Common school districts;

Community unit and community consolidated school districts formed after January 1, 1975;

Community unit school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8;

Community unit, community consolidated and combined school districts in which more than 90% of the population is in one congressional township;

High school districts in which less than 15% of the taxable property is located in unincorporated territory; and unit districts (OLD TYPE);

Combined school districts formed after July 1, 1983.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 3**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

Instructions to voter: The board of education shall be composed of members from both the incorporated and the unincorporated area; not more than 5 board members shall be selected from any city, village or incorporated town.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, NOT MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ MAY BE ELECTED FROM THE INCORPORATED AREAS.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____



### FORMAT 3

This format is used by community unit, community consolidated and combined school districts when the territory is less than 2 congressional townships, or 72 square miles, but consists of more than one congressional township, or 36 square miles, outside the corporate limits of any city, village or incorporated town within the school district. The School Code requires that not more than 5 board members shall be selected from any city, village or incorporated town in the school district. At least two board members must reside in the unincorporated area of the school district.

This format applies to community unit and community consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

Page\_\_\_\_\_of\_\_\_\_\_pages

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 4**

Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.

NOT MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include each remaining congressional township in district as needed.)

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.

VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FORMAT 4

Except for those community unit school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8, this format applies to community unit and community consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983 when the territory of the school district is greater than 2 congressional townships, or 72 square miles. This format applies only when less than 75% of the population is in one congressional township. Congressional townships of less than 100 inhabitants shall not be considered for the purpose of such mandatory board representation. In this case, not more than 3 board members may be selected from any one congressional township.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 5**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the school district.

**ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM**

FROM (name) \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE FOR ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be elected from (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

(name) \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ board members shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships.

The remaining Congressional Townships

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 5**

This format is used by community unit and community consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975, and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983, when the territory of the school district is greater than 2 congressional townships, or 72 square miles and when at least 75%, but not more than 90% of the population resides in one congressional township. In this case, 4 school board members shall be selected from that one congressional township and the 3 remaining board members shall be selected from the rest of the district. If a congressional township has the same boundaries as a political township, the township may be identified on the ballot by both its township name and by township number and range.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

If the vacancy is in remaining congressional township, indicate "remaining congressional township" instead of specific township. List area of residence for full terms according to time and date of filing or by lottery, if required. All candidates from one area of residence are listed together.

Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ pages

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School District)

**FORMAT 6**

Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**(-OR-)**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR ONE

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

REVERSE SIDE

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

(precinct name or number)

School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

Election Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(facsimile signature of Election Authority)

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

**FORMAT 6**

This format is used by school districts in which voters have approved a referendum to elect school board members by school board district. The school district is then divided into 7 school board districts, each of which elects one member to the board of education.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ pages



**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 7**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: More than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least one board member shall be a resident of the unincorporated areas.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 7**

This format is used by high school districts if more than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated territory of the school district. In this case, at least one board member shall be a resident of the unincorporated territory.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

FORMAT 7A

Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: More than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least one board member shall be a resident of the unincorporated areas.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED FROM ANY AREA OR AREAS.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 7A**

This format is used by high school districts if more than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated territory of the school district and on the basis of existing board membership no board member is required to be elected from the unincorporated area.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 8**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 8**

This format is used by high school districts if more than 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated territory of the school district. In this case, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 8A**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for  
\_\_\_\_\_

(School District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Area

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 8A**

This format is used by high school districts if more than 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated territory of the school district. In this case, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.



**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For School Districts)

**FORMAT 8B**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School District)  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the school district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/School Board Secretary)

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Instructions to voter: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

**ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED FROM ANY AREA OR AREAS.**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FORMAT 8B

This format is used by high school districts if more than 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated territory of the school district. In this case, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.

If 6-year terms have been adopted, appropriate adjustments should be made to the format and any unexpired terms must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**BALLOTS -- REVERSE SIDE CONTENTS**

- (a) On the reverse side of each ballot contained in 5/9-12, **EXCEPT THE BALLOT UNDER FORMAT 6**, shall be printed the following:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

Election Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(facsimile signature of election authority)

- (b) If 6-year terms have been adopted under 5/9-5, appropriate adjustments should be made to each ballot in 5/9-12. In the case of any unexpired term each ballot format must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**REVERSE SIDE FOR FORMAT 6**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 through 7)

(Precinct name or number)

School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

Election Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(facsimile signature of election authority)

(County)

**BALLOTS -- REVERSE SIDE CONTENTS**

- (a) On the reverse side of each ballot contained in 5/9-12, **EXCEPT THE BALLOT UNDER FORMAT 6**, shall be printed the following:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

Election Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(facsimile signature of election authority)

- (b) If 6-year terms have been adopted under 5/9-5, appropriate adjustments should be made to each ballot in 5/9-12. In the case of any unexpired term each ballot format must indicate whether it is a 4-year or a 2-year unexpired term.

**REVERSE SIDE FOR FORMAT 6****OFFICIAL BALLOT**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 through 7)

(Precinct name or number)

School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois

Election Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(facsimile signature of election authority)

(County)

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For Community College Districts)

FORMAT 9

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Community College District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the community college district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/Community College Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FORMAT 9

This format is used by Community College Districts. Trustees are elected at large to 6-year terms.

**CERTIFICATE OF BALLOT**  
(For Community College Districts)

**FORMAT 9A**

**Local election official must certify to each election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Election Authority

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Election Official in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Community College District)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois.

I, the undersigned Local Election Official in and for the community college district aforesaid, do hereby state that this certificate of ballot, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), is a true and correct listing of all candidates, in the order that they are to appear on the ballot, to be voted on at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Election Official/Community College Board Secretary)

---

For additional candidates use another page.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

**FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 THROUGH 7)

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**FORMAT 9A**

This format is used by Community College Districts in which trustees are elected by district to 6-year terms.



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

**NONPARTISAN**

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE OR DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for Nomination or Election (circle one) to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

Name of City, School, College or Special District

to be voted upon at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for Nomination or Election (circle one) to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

**LOYALTY OATH**  
**(OPTIONAL)**

United States of America                    )  
  )  
State of Illinois                                )       SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me,  
(Name of Candidate)

on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

# **PETITION FOR NOMINATION** **(NONPARTISAN)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan Candidate for nomination or election (circle one) to the office hereinafter specified, in the political division aforesaid, to be voted for at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE
	(circle one) full term or vacancy	

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION**  
**TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in \_\_\_\_\_ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees, full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in \_\_\_\_\_ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ District, full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION**  
**(LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART)**  
**TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS) OF DISTRICT NUMBER**  
**IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

We, the undersigned, being ( \_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in Township \_\_\_\_\_ in said district shall be a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ full term or vacancy (circle one) of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

) SS.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
FOR SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE OR BY TOWNSHIP  
(LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART)  
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS)  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within \_\_\_\_\_ district, (specify district number 1 - 7) hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in said district shall be a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) full term or vacancy (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ District (specify district 1 - 7) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR  
MULTI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in Township (or Road District) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, shall be a candidate for the office of **MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES** of \_\_\_\_\_ Region (Counties within region) full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)



**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR  
SINGLE-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in Township (or Road District) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, shall be a candidate for the office of **MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES** of \_\_\_\_\_ County full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Signature) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)  
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
FOR TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

TO THE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TREASURER OF TOWNSHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_, RANGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

We, the undersigned, being at least 25 voters residing within said Township hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in Township No. \_\_\_\_\_, Range No. \_\_\_\_\_, shall be a candidate for the office of **TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS** in Township No. \_\_\_\_\_, Range No. \_\_\_\_\_, for a full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn, say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois; that I am the same person whose name is subscribed hereto in whose behalf nomination papers were filed for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ district, \_\_\_\_\_ Party, and I hereby withdraw as a candidate for said office and respectfully request that my name **NOT** be printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to in the foregoing withdrawal, appeared before me in person this day and acknowledged that he/she signed the said instrument as his free and voluntary act of his/her own will and accord.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me on  
(Name of Candidate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

**(SEAL)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

Withdrawal is filed with the office where original nominating petition or certificate of nomination was filed. Upon receipt, the local election official must issue amended certification to each election authority who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.